

**Amendments to the claims:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of claims:**

Claims 1-14 (canceled).

Claim 15 (previously presented): A method comprising treating pathogenically altered bacterial flora in a person in need thereof by administering to the person an antibacterially effective amount of a natriubiotic combined with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The method according to claim 15, wherein the amount of natriubiotic administered is 1 µg to 1 mg per unit dose.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The method according to claim 15 for treating altered intestinal flora.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The method according to claim 15 for treating altered-bacteria-induced skin diseases.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The method according to claim 15 for treating altered vaginal flora.

Claim 20 (previously presented): A method comprising food preservation by adding a natriubiotic to the food.

Claim 21 (previously presented): A method comprising controlling bacterial growth in a food-fermentation process by adding a natriubiotic to the food during fermentation.

Claim 22 (new): A method of preparing an antibacterially active agent comprising combining an antibacterially effective amount of a natriubiotic together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 23 (new): The method according to claim 15, wherein the amount of natriubiotic is 1  $\mu$ g to 1 mg per unit dose.